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1. The normal strength of the Guardia Civili (Municipal Police) of Verona is 120 men. On 25 April 1947 there were only 65, but since that date 113 new members have been added, bringing the strength to 178 men. The new recruits are divided as follows:

- (a) 15 Partisans
- (b) 95 Veterans, 40 of whom are known to be enrolled in the Communist Party (PCI); 20 secret members of the PCI; 20 Christian Democrats; 5 members of the Uomo Qualunque (UQ); and 10 Socialists (from the PSI and PSLI).
- (c) Members of the Italian Social Republic who, however, were later dropped from the organization.

2. The membership was increased from 120 to 178 apparently for political reasons. The Communist Party issued a circular ordering all comrades who were in a position to do so to establish armed groups joining, for cover, public service groups such as firemen, municipal guards, night patrolmen, country police, traffic police, and rural police forces. In Verona this order was carried out by Lancellotti, who was a non-commissioned officer of the auxiliary police during the Fascist Republic.

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